

Thank you
Sun Dec 2, 2012

Members of the Utah Wing...

Thank you VERY much for your time and talent voluntarily offered over this past week. The SAR mission that concluded today represented an effort that was an example of selfless service.

While the outcome was not what we would have liked, the family was most appreciative. They understood that you are volunteer professionals and gave of your time in their service.

Likewise, our CAP command at region offered thanks and appreciation as well as members of the State of Utah leadership. Thanks and appreciation for what you do came from many agency sources. The Millard County Sheriff's Office was also appreciative and offered many compliments to your dedication and professionalism.

You sustained a SAR operation that extended over many days, something we have not experienced for many years. Yet every day, you responded and gave 110%. You were professional in your appearance and that was noticed by MANY. The conduct in the EOC and in the field was an example to many who were watching.

On Saturday we hosted an RMR commander's call that included all five of the regions wing commanders. They were ALL vocal in their praise of how well you conducted yourselves.

I know we have jobs and families and other demands that all pull at our available time. I want you to know of my personal appreciation that you responded. Please let your families know (and your employers) that your efforts truly made a difference and brought needed closure to several families. In their process now of grief, they will be seeking answers -- but through your many hours, your expertise and your dedication to service, they will be able to bring their loved ones home and not wonder where they are.

THANK YOU very much. I am proud to call you friends and share membership with you in this wing.

Jerry Wellman, Col., CAP
Commander, Utah Wing